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SCOWDRICK & MOORE,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL
DRY GOODS AND
GROCERY DEALERS,
RESPECTFULLY announce to their friends
and the public generally, that they have just
received and are constantly receiving direct from
the Importers and Jobbers a large and splendid
stock of Spring and Summer Goods of the latest
Styles and Patterns, consisting in part of

Fine French Cloths,
French and Doeskin Cassimers,
Ladies' Fine Cloaking Cloths.

DRESS GOODS,
OF EVERY VARIETY SUCH AS

MOHAIR'S, POPLINS, ALPACAS &c.
OF ALL COLORS.
BLEACHED AND UNBLEACHED MUSLINS,
of the best standard make.

A LARGE STOCK OF
WHITE GOODS AND TRIMMINGS,
Hosiery, Gloves, Notions, &c.

HATS AND CAPS.
Groceries, Hardware, Queensware &c.

in fact everything usually kept in a first class
Country Store, and at the very lowest prices the
markets can afford.

We have also bought of Mr. D. McKee, his
entire stock of

BOOTS AND SHOES,

OF HIS OWN MANUFACTURE,
which in connection with our General Stock will
be offered at greatly reduced prices.

Thankful for your heretofore bounteous pa-
tronage, we hope by strict attention to business
to share a continuance of the same.

On account of the Credit System being so
thoroughly reduced among the Wholesale Dealers
and Jobbers, our Terms will be thereafter 6
months credit, or 5 months off cash.

SCOWDRICK & MOORE,
Middletown, Del.

May 2-3.

BARGAINS, BARGAINS,
Cash Buyers Look to your Interest.

S. R. STEPHENS & Co.

HAVING opened their New Cash Store, in
Middletown, Del., are now prepared to offer to
the Public a large and well selected

Stock of

DRY GOODS,
GROCERIES, &c.

They offer a large lot of CARPETS,

VERY LOW FROM AUCTION.

A FINE STOCK OF

BOOTS AND SHOES,

Cloths, Cassimers, and

Ready Made Clothing.

HATS AND CAPS,

Dress Goods, Notions,

HARDWARE, &c.

Canned Fruits, Pickles, Sauces,

and all kinds of Goods usually kept in a country store.

Having purchased our entire stock for cash,
we are prepared to sell at city prices for cash or
country produce.

Buyers would do well to give us a call.

SAML. R. STEPHENS & Co.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

July 4-5.

W. M. KENNARD,

OF THE WELL KNOWN

DRY GOODS AND CARPET HOUSE,

306 Market Street, WILMINGTON,

offers to the buying public one of the most desir-
able assortment of

G O O D S

ever displayed by this old established house.

Buying for CASH, selling on the same terms,

Purchasing from First Hands,

AS WELL AS

Importing some Styles of Goods,

all combined, gives him many advantages not
usual with retail stores.

A LARGE STOCK,

PLENTY OF LIGHT,

No Misrepresentation of Goods,

AND LOW PRICES

are SOME of the inducements held forth

to buyers.—G.

January 4, 1868.—G.

Wesleyan Female College,

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE.

THIS institution offers superior advantages for

the thorough and complete education of

young ladies.

The next annual session will begin on Sep-
tember 10th, 1868. For information or cata-
logues, address

Rev. JOHN WILSON, A. M. Pres.

August 1-1m.

LEWIS' PURE WHITE LEAD,
IN 12 $\frac{1}{2}$, 25, 50 AND 100 lb. KEGS.

Black Paint, Prussian Blue,
CHROME GREEN and YELLOW,

BURNT and Raw Umber,

BURNT AND RAW SIENNA,

Indian Red, Red Lead,

VEN. RED, SPANISH BROWN,

Yellow Ochre, Ohio Brown,

Dry and in Oil

IN 1 lb. TO 25 lb. CANS.

Putty, Linseed Oil, Turpentine,

JAPAN DRYING, COPAL VARNISH,

Glue, Gum Shellac,

LAMP BLACK, WINDOW GLASS,

besides a full assortment of

Paint Brushes and Sash Tools,

FOR SALE BY

J. A. REYNOLDS & SONS.

May 16, 1868.—3m

BOWER'S COMPLETE MANURE,

MANUFACTURED BY

HENRY BOWER, CHEMIST,

PHILADELPHIA,

MADE FROM

Super-Phosphate of Lime, Ammonia and

Potash,

WARRANTED FREE FROM ADULTERATION.

THIS Manure contains all the elements to produce large crops of all kinds, and is highly recommended by all who have used it, also by distinguished Chemists who have, by analysis, tested its qualities.

Packed in bags of 200 pounds each.

DIXON, SHARPLESS & CO.,

SOLE AGENTS,

39 South Water and 40 South Delaware Avenue,

PHILADELPHIA.

For sale by W. M. REYNOLDS

79 South Street,

BALTIMORE, MD.

Also by JOHN A. REYNOLDS & SONS,

MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

And by dealers generally throughout the country.

July 18, '68.

HARNESS MAKING.

THE undersigned having commenced Harness making at

ODESSA, DEL.

Is prepared to furnish every article in his line on the most reasonable terms.

His experience in city and country justifies his promise that

ALL HIS WORK WILL BE OF THE

BEST QUALITY.

And gives him confidence to solicit a share of the public patronage.

His Shop is on Main street, in the house formerly occupied by Joseph Tawsey.

WM. T. GALLAHER.

April 25-16.

NOTICE.

AN Instalment, of one Dollar per Share upon

the Capital Stock of the Middletown Hall

Company will be due, and payable to John R.

Hall, Esq., on Sept. 24th, 1868. As the

work is now rapidly progressing, prompt pay-

ments will be required to meet coming liabilities.

By order of the Board.

W. M. H. BAER,

Secretary.

August 22-1w.

NOTICE.

MY wife, Fanny Snodell, having left my bed

and board without just cause or provoca-

tion, to warn all persons from trusting her

on my account, as I will pay no debts of her contrac-

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JOHN SNODELL.

Aug. 15-3w.

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ting.

JOHN SNODELL.

Aug. 1-3w.

NOTICE.

Cedar Shingles, Siding, and Rails,

FOR SALE—Cedar Shingles, Siding and Rails,

of prime quality, for sale, near Taylor's

Bridge, Appoquinimink Hundred, New Castle

County, Del.

Apply to

ROBERT JOHNSON.

Aug. 1-3m.

Our Olio.

Scratches in horse, it is asserted, can

be cured by applying every morning a

mixture composed of one drachm of sul-

phur and two ounces of glycerine.

Said a member of a church to another,

"I can give five dollars for this object and not feel it."

"Then," said his companion,

"give ten and feel it."

It is exceedingly bad husbandry to har-

row up the feelings of your wife, to rake

up old quarrels, to hoe a grudge, and to

sow discord.

A wag suggests that a suitable litany

for many city choirs would be,

"O Lord! have mercy on us, miserable

sinners."

You will be called upon to assist in the

great work of sustaining a democratic

administration.—In bringing back the go-

vernment in sight of the land marks of our

The Middletown Transcript.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 5, 1868.

FOR PRESIDENT,
HORATIO SEYMOUR.
OF NEW YORK.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT,
GEN. FRANCIS P. BLAIR,
OF MISSOURI.

FOR DEMOCRATIC ELECTORS.
ANDREW C. GRAY, of New Castle.
JAMES P. WILD, of Kent.
WILLIAM A. SCRIBNER, of Sussex.

FOR CONGRESS.
Maj. BENJAMIN T. BIGGS.
FOR SHERIFF,
JACOB RICHARDSON,
FOR CORONER,
LAWRENCE PENDEGRASS.

THE SEPTEMBER ELECTIONS.—The Vermont election took place on the 1st inst. A Governor, Lieut. Governor, and three Congressmen were voted for. The Radicals carried the State by an increased majority. The Democrats had no expectations from that State.

California votes on the 8th. There are three Congressmen to elect. We may possibly elect them all. In 1864 the Radicals had a majority of 18,293; the Democrats had a majority last year of 9,546.

In Maine, on the 11th, a Governor, Lieut. Governor, and five Congressmen are to be chosen. The Republican majority in 1867 was 11,614. We have unmistakable evidence of a reaction in this State, and look forward to the result on the 14th with much interest. The local issues may somewhat prejudice the result in September, but we look for a large reduction in the majority.

THE MORALS OF EASTON.—Judging from the accounts published in the Eastern, Md. papers we should arrive at the conclusion that the morals of that place, were at a very low ebb. Street fights are common, whiskey flows like water, and drunkenness prevails to an alarming extent. One of the printers—for whom all the papers there were recently suspended, that they might attend camp meeting—got drunk, the other day, got into a fight, and stabbed a man named Ewing, very severely. We fear they were not much benefited by that camp meeting. A gentleman from this country, who recently visited Easton, gave us an account of the scenes he witnessed there in the hotels, which were disgusting to contemplate. Drunkenness and blasphemy encountered him at every turn. We are sorry to hear such accounts as these from the dear old home of our youth—Easton, which used to be moral, so polished and refined.

WHENCE did Mr. Biggs get his title of "Major"? What regiment was he in?—*Commercial*.

The *Commercial* puts its query as though it questioned the right of Major Biggs to the aforesaid title. We have before us his commission, bearing date the 8th of January, 1847, and signed by Wm. Temple, Governor of the State of Delaware, appointing Benjamin T. Biggs, Major of the first Battalion of the Seventh Regiment of Delaware Militia, in the place of Levi G. Cooch, resigned. Is the *Commercial* answered? Is it able to perceive that Major Biggs came honestly and legitimately by his title, and is entitled to wear it?

AUTUMN.—Summer heats are fled, the asterned air no longer burns the fevered brow and temples, like heat of furnace. Autumn sits chief moderator between the check-parched summer and the extremes of winter's torious, chilling frosts, garnering her luscious fruits and housing and storing her rich abundance of sustenance for man and beast.

"Thrice happy time,
Best portion of the year, in which,
Nature rejoices, smiling on her works,
Lovely, to full perfection wrought."

"THE FIRST GUN."—A little radical paper, at Havre de Grace, calls Vermont the "first gun." We believe it is the first response from the Grant battery, but did he not hear the thunders of the Seymour artillery from Connecticut, from Nebraska, from Kentucky, from Montana, from Oregon and Idaho? And let him listen! California will wake the echoes along the Pacific slope, on the 8th, to be re-echoed along the Atlantic coast on the 14th, in Maine.

TANNING.—The Grant men, (in humble imitation of the mummery of 1840,) are forming tanner's clubs, in compliment to their leader, who at one time of life was in the tanning business. The Democrats of the country are also in the tanning trade. They will open out, in November, the largest joint stock company ever started in this country, and will tan the hides of Grant and his whole party.

The Exchange hotel at Saratoga was destroyed by fire on Monday evening.

Response of Major Biggs.
To the Congratulatory Addresses of Messrs. Nowland and Beach, at his residence on Friday evening, 28th ult.

Gentlemen and Friends:—This is to me, a moment of deep and thrilling interest. To receive the congratulations of true and faithful friends is sufficient to awaken in the human heart feelings of gratitude which shall last while memory lives, and not be forgotten until that heart ceases its pulsations.

The eloquent addresses to which we have just listened, are well calculated to inspire within the mind of every one a confidence which bespeaks victory in the future. The great principles of the Democratic party must triumph, and that too at an next election, or civil liberty be at an end; and on its ruins will be reared a military despotism more destructive to the rights of man than ever cursed the world in either ancient or modern times.

The usurpations and extravagances of a Radical Congress must be checked. We must hold fast to the glorious Constitution of our fathers—it must be respected in all its wise provisions. Long enough has it been abused by reckless, wicked men. Carpet-bag statesmen have conspired to pull down the pillars of the American Constitution and plunge this once happy nation again in civil war.

We want no negro suffrage. We want no negro equality. We want, and we intend to have, a government of white men, such as our fathers maintained.

I value the American Constitution as a holy trust; we must not prove recreant to its sacred teachings. Gentlemen, it is our only hope. More than three years have passed since the close of the late war, and still the Union is not restored.

Ten of our sister States are crushed in every department of industry, with baying Constitutions forced upon an unwilling people; and some of them are even cursed with negro suffrage and negro legislators.

Our expenditures are alarming. The appropriations by a Republican Congress are so vast, and the taxation upon the people so heavy, that even the most fortunate shoddy contractor groans for relief.

We want no Freedman's Bureau, levying a tax of more than eleven millions to support negroes in willing idleness. We must protect the laboring white man, and not permit a Republican Congress annually to impose, for this purpose, a sum equal to that required to carry on the administration of Mr. Adams.

We demand a change. The eyes of the people are opened to see its necessity; and the State after State proclaims, through the ballot box, redemption from unjust legislation and unequal taxation.

Fourteen years ago I took my stand in the Democratic party. From that time until the present, at every election, I have been battled for the success of Democratic principles.

When passion usurped the throne of reason—when defeat came, and my party went down—believing in her unyielding principles, my faith never wavered; and now a ray of hope begins to light up our political horizon; and as the day of our salvation draweth nigh, the Democratic party has placed in my hands the Congressional banner to carry it through the coming battle.

Sirs, I am not insensible to the fact, that with honors come responsibilities. Should I be elected, I will serve you to the best of my ability. I shall labor to promote the interests of my constituency, and endeavor to secure the enactment of such laws as, in the language of the immortal Jackson, "Will fall, as the gentle dews of Heaven, alike upon the rich and poor."

And you, gentlemen musicians, who have enlivened this occasion by your discourse of sweet sounds, I thank you kindly. Nature's own poet has truly said:

"He who has no music in his soul,
And is not moved by concord of sweet sounds,
Is fit for treason, stratagem and spoils."

Now gentlemen, without detaining you longer, should my life be spared, I hope to have an opportunity in the future to make my remarks more extended. I will but add, that your sympathy and kindly feeling, as manifested to-night, will tend greatly to encourage my heart during the coming contest.

The "Grecian Bend" has become fashionable again this summer among the belles at our principal watering places. It was all the rage among the belles thirty-five or forty years ago. Saxe, the New Hampshire wit and poet, is said to have mercilessly ridiculed it, recently, by naming it the "colic stoop," since which the ladies have grown heartily ashamed of it. They don't like to be laughed at.

REFRESHING SHOWERS.—After weeks of promise the clouds, on Thursday, distilled their liquid treasures upon the thirsty fields, and gladdened the hearts of the husbandmen,

Who will now their fallow turn,
And their golden seed sown,
That the staff of life be given to the world;
'Twill mature the latter corn,
And help Plenty fill her horn,
While contentment's lovely banner is unfur'd.

John T. Hoffman was nominated on Wednesday, as the Democratic candidate for Governor of New York. On the same day the Democrats of Massachusetts nominated John Quincy Adams, for Governor.

Over 245 tons of peaches were shipped east from Columbus, Ohio, last week. We hope our Delaware friends will not be envious, at this announcement. Another season may bring them in luck again.

The Dorchester Democrat says:—Iron in sufficient quantity has been received to lay the Rail Road track to New Market, and we learn that a large force of men will now be put to work. We hear that the contractor is determined that he will have the cars running before Christmas.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

The *St. Michaels Comet*, in referring to our recent notice of Mr. E. C. Fenimore's peach orchard, and its unfailing productiveness, says:—"We would like to know whether this is attributable to the peculiar quality of Mr. Fenimore's land, to his method of cultivation, or simply to 'luck.' If to the first, he has a genuine *El Dorado*; if to the second, he has a secret worth possessing and worth preserving; and if to the third, it is a triumphant verification of the old adage, which informs us that 'it is better to be born lucky than rich.' Mr. J. B. Fenimore, (father of E. C. Fenimore,) brought us some fine specimens of his 'Crawford's Late,' on Thursday. They are not as large this year as they were last, when fifty of them filled a basket. He informs us that his son will ship 1000 baskets this week. He attributes the perfect character of the orchard to the soil, which is a yellowish-brown earth, very light and mellow, and perfectly dry, retaining not sufficient moisture upon the surface to be thrown off in the night in the form of frost affecting the tender peach buds on frosty nights in the spring. The peach does not succeed so well, on heavier soil, on the same farm, and upon other farms in the same neighborhood.

FROM ODESSA.—Our attentive correspondent sends us the following items:—

EXTRA MEETING.—Rev. Mr. Phubus has been holding meetings during the week in the Methodist Church, with a view of a preparation for a more extensive work hereafter. This meeting was especially held for the benefit of the members.

SCHOOLS.—The schools are now in full operation, presided over by the same teachers that were in attendance during the last term.

PEACHES.—This delicious fruit seems to be very scarce in our midst. The sight of one lone wagon as it passes through the town on its way to market has the effect only of sharpening the appetites of the people, and refreshing their memories of by-gone days.

ENOS & CHILIN'S yard is filled with drills, awaiting the accomplishment of Foster's Phosphate attachment. This attachment is universally believed to be the very thing so long needed.

TRIAL OF THRESHING MACHINES.—A contest between the Diamond State Thresher, manufactured by Casho & Co., and the Wheeler & Meltek machine, took place on the farm of D. J. Murphy, near Newark, on Thursday of last week. The Wheeler machine, being the challenging party, opened the contest, threshing in a half hour 304 dozen of sheaves, turning out 113 bushels of wheat. The "Diamond State" then, in the next half hour, threshed 31 dozen and 4 sheaves, turning out 137 bushels. The Diamond State in the following half hour threshed 36 dozen and 3 sheaves, turning out 143 bushels. The Wheeler machine threshed 34 dozen and three sheaves, turning out 124 bushels in the following half hour. The Judges unanimously decided in favor of the Diamond State machine. The same horses were used at both machines.

THE EXHIBITION OF THE DELAWARE STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY will be held at Wilmington on the 17th, 18th, and 19th of the present month. The Society offers \$3,000 in premiums and the prospect is fair for a very large display of Stock, Farm Implements and a large turn out of people. The Citizens of Wilmington have raised a purse of \$500 to be awarded for the fastest trotting, the whole country being invited to compete for the prize. Several celebrated horses will be on the ground. On the whole this exhibition will be one of unusual interest and cannot fail to attract exhibitors and multitudes of people from all adjacent sections and many from a distance. We learn that a gentleman in the vicinity of Middletown will enter his horse to compete for the purse of \$500.

The grand tournament is to come off at Chesterstown, on the 23d of this month. There has been some talk of getting up one, here, in October. It is a very important and manly recreation. We attended one in Southern Maryland, two years ago; there were twenty-four Knights in full costume, well mounted on fine blooded horses. The riding was superb, and the Knights made a very handsome and impressive appearance. The crowning of the Queen of Love and Beauty, and her Maids of Honor, was done in a most courtly manner, and presented a very interesting sight.

One hundred and fifty converts, it is said, were the fruits of the late Smyrna Circuit camp. The *Times* says:—"We understand that there is a movement on foot to form a union of Smyrna Circuit and Smyrna, Middletown and Odessa stations, for the purpose of purchasing a woods and holding union camps in the future.

The Elkton Odd Fellows Hall Lottery will be drawn to-night, 44 prizes, amounting to \$1500. Some of our citizens in this vicinity, hold chances in the scheme, and may hold some of the lucky numbers. The drawing will take place after the magic performance of the Lubin Brothers.

THE KENT RAIL ROAD.—We learn that the work on this road is progressing finely. Nearly two hundred men are engaged at different points, as follows:—Seventy-five at Lynch's Corner; forty at Black's Cross Roads; fifty at Massey's Cross Roads, and twenty-five at Chesterstown.

THE ALLEGED FRAUDS IN THE PAYMENT OF COLORED BOUNTIES.—The Washington correspondent of the New York Herald of Sunday has the following:

Within the past two or three days the clerks of the congressional committee for the investigation of frauds in the payment of bounties have been actively at work upon the records in the bureau of colored troops. The partial report of Mr. Cobell on the day Congress adjourned was supposed to be the last of the investigation into the frauds committed in the payment of bounties to colored troops, but the examination has been resumed. Information has been obtained since to lead to the belief that corruption existed in the settlement of these claims. The report of the experts who were engaged in searching for the cases in which fraud had been used, it appears, was not incorporated in Mr. Cobell's report to Congress. These experts reported that sufficient evidence had been discovered to warrant the belief that the payments of these bounties were full of frauds, and fifty-three cases were cited in detail in which the proofs of corruption were indubitable. Other proofs of fraudulent practices have been found sufficiently strong to demand the attention of the committee, and it is understood that the investigation will now be pushed with the utmost vigor.

MARYLAND DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION.—The State Convention to nominate Presidential Electors met in Baltimore on Wednesday, and nominated the following Ticket:

At Large—Eastern Shore, Hon. Richard B. Carmichael, Queen Ann's: Western Shore, Hon. J. Thomson Mason, Anne Arundel.

First district—Albert Constable, Cecil. Second district—Dr. Walter T. Allen, Baltimore county.

Third district—H. Clay Dallam.

Fourth district—Chas. B. Roberts, Carroll.

Fifth district—Geo. Peter, Montgomery county.

WHO IS TO BE THE SALISBURY NOMINEE?

The *Easton Star* says:—Talbot and Caroline have elected delegates favorable to Colonel Hambleton. Dorchester has gone for Daniel M. Henry. Kent and Somers elect delegates favorable to L. L. Waters.

Worcester has gone for L. L. Derrickson.

Queen Anne's is reported to have elected delegates favorable to P. B. Horner, but really in the interest of Colonel Hambleton. Cecil and Wicomico have not been heard from.

It is hard to tell who the fortunate man will be, chances in favor of the nomination of Mr. Waters.

Mildred Lee, daughter of Robt. E. Lee, is extremely ill at Hot Springs, with typhus fever.

Ex-Governor Thomas H. Seymour, of Connecticut, died on Thursday, at his residence in Hartford.

Horrible Murders.

Two brutal murders were committed near Chester river bridge, in Queen Anne's county, on Thursday night, August 27th, the victims being Ramsey Gilmore and his wife, well known in this community as market gardeners, and familiarly called by the name of "Ramsey" simply, living on the Queen Anne's farm of the late E. F. Chambers. The murdered pair constituted the entire family, and the particulars can only be gathered from surrounding circumstances. It is not known at what hour of the night the horrible deed was perpetrated, but early Friday morning Mr. Gilmore was found dead on the lower floor of his dwelling, with his head badly mashed, and a bloody axe lying beside him, and Mrs. G. was found up stairs, also badly bruised and in a dying condition. It seems that Mr. G. was in the habit of sleeping in the corn house, to avoid mosquitoes, where it is supposed he was on the fatal night, and hearing the noise in the dwelling, went to the relief of his wife, when he was attacked and killed. The object of the murderers was no doubt to rob the house, as the money drawer was broken open and its contents carried off. It was generally supposed that they had a considerable sum of money on hand, but it is believed by those best acquainted with the family that they had less than a hundred in cash at the time. A negro woman named Mitchell, who had lived in the family, has been arrested, and confessed that her husband committed the murder—that he first attacked Mrs. G., then she went to the corn house and told Mr. G. his wife was ill, and that on entering the house he was killed by her husband.—*Kent News*.

Mrs. Gilmore will be at home, on Monday, prepared to furnish all who want them with counterfeit presents of themselves, in the shape of life-like photographs, ambrotypes, &c.

FRESH PEACHES.—A load of fresh white peaches were brought to our market, a few days of 15 cents a dozen. They were from Port Penn, on the Delaware.

LET NO FARMER OR HORSEMAN FAIL TO ATTEND THE DELAWARE STATE AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITION TO COME OFF AT WILMINGTON ON THE 17TH, 18TH, AND 19TH OF THIS MONTH.

We learn that Mr. Palmer was to have commenced the Sassafras river bridge, this week, at Fredericton.

EXTENSIVE FRAUDS ON THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.—The following appeared in the Washington news of Wednesday:

About a month ago it was discovered that extensive frauds had been committed by the blank agent of the Post Office Department at Buffalo in furnishing blanks and twine to the various post-offices, supposed to amount to about \$200,000. The manner of committing the frauds was shown to be as follows:—A postmaster made a requisition on the blank agent for a quantity of blanks, twine, &c., the order was partially filled and the full amount charged to the postmaster, the requisition being filed as a voucher, and the agent receiving payment, in auditing his accounts, for the full amount charged. This system has been in operation since 1869, and it is now discovered that the rascality was first discovered at Detroit and partially investigated through the postmaster there, and several complaints following, the authorities of the Department took the master in hand and continued it to the present time. The United States Marshal of this district to-day arrested Mr. Towery, the foreman of the Government Printing Office, a clerk of the Post Office Department named Reding, and a clerk in the Treasury named Tavener, all charged with being implicated in the frauds. They were taken before Judge Wiley, of the United States Court, on requisition based on the findings of the grand jury of Detroit. They are held for further examination.

Mitchell, the negro man implicated by the woman, has been arrested and committed to Centreville Jail; but says he had nothing to do with the affair, whatever, and knew nothing of it, and his statement is said to be sustained by his employer. It is now believed, by some, who have investigated the matter, that the woman had no accomplice, but that she committed the bloody deed herself. Mrs. Gilmore is not dead, but was restored to consciousness, in a day or two after the event, and is likely to recover. She inquired for her husband, and did not know what had happened to herself, nor did they inform her, but gave her evasive answers to her questions.

Correspondence.—Maj. Biggs's Acceptance.

Dover, Aug. 26th, 1868.

Hon. BENJAMIN T. BIGGS.

Dear Sir:—As a Committee appointed for that purpose by the Convention of the Democratic party of the State of Delaware, held this day, we have the honor to inform you, that you were, by the said Convention, unanimously chosen as its candidate for Representative in Congress from this State.

Allow us, sir, in conveying this information, to congratulate you and the party upon its harmonious action and auspicious result; and pledge to you the hearty and undivided support of the party in the ensuing canvass.

Be pleased to communicate your acceptance of the nomination at as early a day as may

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The work on the Suez Canal is prosecuted with such vigor that the directors affirm that it will be finished in 1869. Ten thousand men are employed upon the canal, which will be twenty-six feet deep all the way, two hundred and forty feet wide at the top, and about ninety feet wide at the bottom.

A son of Caleb A. Morse, of Westminster, New Hampshire, six years old, while in a fit of somnambulism, a few nights since, fell down stairs, and jumped into a well twenty feet deep, in which the water was four feet deep. He was rescued by his father, and in the morning knew nothing of the affair.

Of the Cabinet Secretaries Randall, Browning, McCullough, and Welles are in favor of Seymour, while Seward and Scoville are against Grant and Colfax.

Quill thinks the November election will be considered a fly-Grant proceeding.

DIED.

At "Green Meadows," Appoquinimink Hundred, August 31, George G. Thomas, youngest son of the late Edward Thomas, aged 11 years.

On Monday night last, at Bedford Springs, Pa., Mr. Jacob B. Millin, of St. Georges Hundred, New Castle county, in the 46th year of his age.

THE MARKETS.

MIDDLETOWN MARKET.

Wheat, prime red	\$2 23
Corn yellow	1 20
white	1 15
Oats	50@55
Timothy Seed	4 00
Clover Seed	20@30
Eggs	20 ct@30 ct@30 dozen
Butter	30@40 ct@40 ct@40 lb
Chickens (Live Spring)	18@20 ct@20 "
Lard	19@20 "
Hogs	10@15 "
Bacon	20@25 "
Hams	15@20 "
Sides	15@20 "
Shoulders	16@18 "
Potatoes	1 00@1 25 bush
PHILADELPHIA.	\$2 20@2 35
Corn, new yellow	1 28
Oats	70@75
WILMINGTON.	\$2 25
Corn	1 25
Oats	95
Flour	\$1 00@1 00

DEAFNESS, BLINDNESS, and CATARRH treated with the utmost success, by DR. RICHARD M. D. and Professor of Disease of the Eye and Ear, in the Medical College of Pennsylvania, 12 years experience, (formerly of Leyden, Holland.) No. 805 Arch Street, Phila. Testimonials can be seen at his office. The medical faculty are invited to accompany their patients, as he has no secrets in his practice. Artificial eyes inserted without pain. No charge for examination.

FARM FOR SALE.

BY Virtue of a Decree of the Circuit Court for Kent County, sitting in equity, the undersigned as Trustee for Augustus A. Malaburg will, on

Tuesday, the 22d day of September, 1868, at 11 o'clock, A. M. at the Old Brick Hotel in Millington, Kent County, Md. offer at Public Sale, the Farm called

Golden Point,

situated in Kent County, Md. on Chесier River, two miles from Millington, on the Public road from Chesterfield to Millington. This farm contains

186 Acres, 2 Rods, 11 Perches, about Twenty Acres of which are in

WOOD.

It is divided into Five Fields, and has all been thoroughly limed within the past few years. The improvements consist of a good one-story DWELLING with the usual Out Buildings. The water is good, and the farm is convenient to Churches, Schools and Mill.

THESE IS A YOUNG PEACH ORCHARD OF 500 TO 900 TREES IN BEARING.

This Farm was formerly the Homestead of Thomas Woodall, deceased, adjoins the lands of John F. Newman and Jesse Woodall, deceased, and is now occupied by Thomas A. Merleth as tenant.

TERMS.

One-third of the purchase money cash; the balance in one and two years, with interest from the 1st of January, 1869; to be secured by the bond of the purchaser, with approved security.

Possession given the first of January, 1869, and the privilege of seeing wheat this Fall.

RICHARD C. JOHNSON,

Sept. 5—18. Trustee.

DELAWARE STATE.

Agricultural Exhibition and Fair. WILL BE HELD AT WILMINGTON, DEL.

Under the direction and on the grounds of the Agricultural Society of New Castle County, on THURSDAY, FRIDAY, and SATURDAY, September 17th, 18th, and 19th.

900 premiums are offered, amounting to \$3,000. For regulations and catalogues of premiums, address the Secretary.

ZADOK TOWNSEND, President.

Sept. 5—21.

WOODSIDE

Small Fruit Nursery.

STRAWBERRIES,

RASPBERRIES,

BLACKBERRIES,

CURRENTS AND

OSAGE ORANGE PLANTS.

ALSO

MARY ROSE, AND

HARISON POTATOES.

Circulars containing price can be had by applying to HENRY CLAYTON, Mount Pleasant, Del. Sept. 5—3m.

Six Cents Reward.

FOR the month of August last, an unadmitted adventurer named John Seward. This man, for avarice, persons from harboring him, or trustee him on my account. JOS. TITUS, Near Mount Pleasant. Sept. 5—31.

NOTICE.

HAVING disposed of my Drug Store to Dr. Geo. G. Chamberlain, all persons having claims against me, will call upon him for payment; and those indebted to me will please make immediate payment to him.

H. RICHMOND CHAMBERLAIN.

Sept. 5—18.

Aug. 29—4

TO

SPRING AND SUMMER GOODS ON HAND,

AT COST FOR CASH.

JOHN A. REYNOLDS & SONS.

TO

CASH BUYERS.

OBVIOUS REASONS WHY THE

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Family Sewing Machines

ARE BECOMING SO POPULAR:

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SECOND, Because they are adapted to the Greatest Range of Work, and will use either Cotton, Silk, or Linen Thread successfully.

THIRD, Because they are perfectly Simple in their Construction; and will Hem, Fell, Stitch, Bind, Cord, Tuck, Gather, and Embroider, in the most perfect manner.

FOURTH, Because they use but One Spool, and are found Competent when all others fail.

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Select Poetry.

THE OLD TURNPIKE.

We hear no more the clanging hoof,
And the stage-coach rattling by;
For the steaming roads the travel world,
And the old pike's left to die.

The grass creeps o'er the flinty path
And the stealthy daisies steal

Where once the stage-horse, day by day,
Lifted his iron heel.

No more the weary stage-dread
The toll of the coming morn;

No more the bustling landlord runs

At the sound of the echoing horn;

For the dust lies still upon the road,
And bright-eyed children play

Where once the clattering hoof and wheel
Rattled along the way.

No more we hear the cracking whip;
And the strong wheels' rumbling sound;

And h' the water drives us on;

And an iron horse is found!

The coach stands rusting in the yard,
The horse has sought the plow;

We have spanned the world with an iron rail,
And the steaming roads us now!

HOOFLAND'S GERMAN BITTERS

AND

Hoofland's German Tonic.

The Great Remedies for all Diseases of the LIVER, STOMACH, OR DIGESTIVE ORGANS.

HOOFLAND'S GERMAN BITTERS

Is composed of the pure juices (or, as they are medically termed "Extracts") of Roots, Herbs, and Barks, making a preparation, highly concentrated, and entirely *free from all alcoholic admixture of any kind*.

Hoofland's German Tonic

Is a combination of all the ingredients of the Bitters, with the purest quality of *Santa Cruz Rum*, Orange, &c, making one of the most pleasant and agreeable remedies ever offered to the public.

Those preferring a Medicine free from Alcoholic admixture, will use

Hoofland's German Bitters.

Those who have no objection to the combination of the Bitters, as stated, will use

HOOFLAND'S GERMAN TONIC

They are both equally good, and contain the same medicinal virtues, the choice between the two being a mere matter of taste, the Tonic being the most palatable.

The stomach, from a variety of causes such as Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Nervous Disturbances, &c, is very apt to have its functions deranged. The Liver, sympathizing closely as it does with the Stomach, then becomes affected, the result of which is the patient suffers from several or more of the following diseases:

Constipation, Flatulence, Inward Piles, Fulness of Blood to the Head, Acidity of the Stomach, Nausea, Heartburn, Disgust for Food, Fulness or Weight in the Stomach, Stomach Atonies, Shaking of the Head, Itching of the Head, Harsh or Difficult Breathing, Fluttering at the Heart, Choking or Suffocation, Soreness in the Head, Dull Pain in the Head, Disturbance of Perspiration, Yellowness of the Skin and Eyes, Pain in the Side, Back, Chest, Limbs, &c, Sudden Pinches of Heat, Burning in the Flesh, Constant Imaginations of Evil, and Great Depression of Spirits.

The sufferer from these diseases should exercise the greatest caution in the selection of a remedy for their cure, for only the skillful, he is assured from his experience, and long-continued practice, can skillfully compound, and free from injurious ingredients, and has established for itself a reputation for the cure of these diseases. In this connection we would submit those well-known remedies—

I see this is a great country you live in, said I.

Yes; but it's so far to town, or anywhere, he replied.

You have fine roads; I never saw their equal.

Yes; but it's terrible traveling when it rains.

I never saw better beef than yours.

Yes; but people don't like to eat nothing but beef.

Such a delightful climate—your health must be good.

Yes; but the northerns are awful on the constitution.

Your land is rich; and it produces so abundantly.

Yes; but the grasshoppers have eaten up my green patch.

Your hogs will fatten on the grasshoppers.

Yes; but it worries them to death to catch the things.

Thurhickens are very lively—they can catch them.

Yes; but it makes their meat taste—they say.

By this time there was a twinkle of humor in the turn things had taken, and I took leave.

Good-by, my inconsolable friend; may you come to a more cheerful mind—so good-by, till we meet again.

Yes; but we may never meet again in this world.

And I rather hope we won't. Delieve me from the "yes but" generation—a people who love to be miserable, and who take pleasure in taking the other side against Providence.—*Texas paper.*

A CAUTIOUS SINNER.—Some years ago there was a good deal of excitement among the people in a certain town in C—county, Vermont, on the subject of religion, and almost every man in the place was more or less awakened to a sense of his shallowness, and made public declaration of his intention to lead a different life.

Among the rest were three of the principal men of the village, whom we will call M—, B—, and G—, who, being all present at one of the meetings, took part in the proceedings, to the astonishment of "the rest of mankind" then and there assembled. M— rose first, and having made a general confession of his unworthiness, said in conclusion, that he had always intended to be an honest man, but if he had wronged any one, he was willing to make full restitution. B— followed, speaking in pretty much the same manner. G— arose next, and spoke of his sins and wickedness in quite as strong terms as the others had done; but, coming to the "restoration" clause, he remarked, with a caution characteristic of himself, "If there is any man that I have defrauded, I shall be most happy to sit down and talk it over with him!"

AGRICULTURAL JONES.—The *Ohio Farmer* lets off the following: Large horses are generally most admired by farmers; but farmers are most admired by horses; but farmers are most gaudy.

Prosperity is generally based upon knowledge and industry; the swine will always get most that most.

Farmers are like fowls; neither will get full crops without industry.

Because a man who attends a flock of sheep is a shepherd, makes it no reason that a man who keeps cows should be a coward.

We like to see a farmer increase the growth of useful plants and shrubs around his home, but do not like to see him use rails, poles and boards to prop up gate with.

A DUTCHMAN'S DESCRIPTION OF A RAINY NIGHT.—Well, last night was de wort as never wash. I thought to go down de hill to mine own house; but no sooner I walk den vase I stand still, for de darkness vas so sick dat I could not safe mit mine boots, and to rain—dunder, and blixen! in more den tree minutes mine skin vas yet troo to mine clo's, after von kettle wile it stopped quitten, to rain something; so I keep feeling of mine self all to way long, and ven I comes to mine own house to walk in, you think? It belong to somebody else!"

LOOK HERE!!

THE subscriber has just opened a New Store, in Ossesa, where he purpuses keeping a full assortment of

GOODS,

such as are generally kept in a country store, I respectfully invite the citizens of Ossesa and vicinity to call in, and examine my prices; and you will find that they will compare with the lowest city prices.

Muslin, blue and unblusk'd, 6, 8, 10 and 15cts.

Prints, 7, 10 and 12cts.

Cambrics, 25cts.

Cambric Muslins, 25cts.

Charlie Doline, 20cts.

Laune (Pacific), 20cts.

Gingham, 10, 12, and 15cts.

Scotch do, 31cts.

Splendid Linen Duck, 31cts.

Cottonades, 25cts.

Heavy Cotton Duck, 20cts.

Damask, 25cts.

Jeans, 20cts.

Cambrics, 15cts.

Fine all wool Cassimers, 80cts. a \$1.00

Heavy Kersey, 80cts. a \$1.00

Sugar, brown, 12cts.

White, A and B, 18cts.

Coffee, best, 23cts.

Molasses, 50cts.

Cast Oil, 50cts.

Turnip Oil, \$1.00

Pork and Shoulder, 30cts.

Hams, covered, 25cts.

Herring, by the lb., \$7.50

Mackerel, 15cts.

Full Tea Sets, Iron Stone, \$7.00

HARD WARE, WOODEN WARE.

BOOTS, Mens coarse, \$2.00

Boys, 1.50

BROGANS, Mens, 1.50

Ladies' GAITERS, 1.00

FINE GOAT, \$1.75 to 2.00

Childrens, very low.

BOOTS, SHOES, HATS and CAPS, a full line, at low prices.

Oil Cloth, Table Covers, Straw Mattings and Carpetings.

Collars, Bridles, Halters, Rope and Chain Tackles, Shovels, Spades, Bakes and Hoes.

All kinds of country produce taken in exchange for goods, at the highest market prices.

WOOL WANTED.

The highest market price given for Wool.

Call in and examine, and if there is anything you want and don't see it, call for it and we will give it.

P. S. Remember no trouble to show goods.

Repetitively; May 20-21 A. W. SPARKS.

FLANNELS, &c. & & &.

Our long experience, combined with our intimate and extensive acquaintance with the largest and best Importing and Domestic Houses of this country, gives us the ability to offer the highest prices for all kinds of produce, and to sell at the same extent in Delaware, and we distinctly state that we are prepared to sell *always as low or lower than Philadelphia Merchants*.

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HORSE BILLS, &c. &.

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AND TIN HOUSE.

Middletown, Del.,

where you will get pictures from the beautiful little Pearl Portfolio to the life-size Photograph.

All who wish a correct likeness of themselves or friends should embrace this opportunity and call on me.

Particular attention paid to copying daguerreotypes or ambrotypes of deceased persons into card or large size Photographs.

A profit will be shown before the pictures are finished.

A good assortment of Rustic and other Frames on hand.

Will afford us pleasure to have you call and examine specimens.

January 4—1st

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STEPP'S PIANOS.—THE BEST NOW MADE.

GOLD MEDAL for the best Pianos manufactured.

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Marble Hall Clothing House,

40 West Baltimore Street,

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